

## NOTICE TO ALL TIMBER PURCHASERS

### HORSEHEAD CREEK STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT KISATCHIE R. D.

THIS IS A STEWARDSHIP END-RESULT CONTRACT – A COMBINATION OF TIMBER SALE AND CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK

Proposals must be received at the Forest Supervisor's Office, 2500 Shreveport Highway, Pineville, LA by 4:00 P.M. **July 25, 2014**. This is a Best Value Offer Contract and award will be based on a combination of price and technical performance.

**LOCATION:** The contract areas are located approximately seven (7) miles east of Bellwood, LA in T6N R7W, Sections 15, 16, 21 & 22; one (1) mile north of Mora, LA in T5N, R6W, Sections 24 & 25; and five (5) miles north of Mora, LA in T5N, R6W, Sections 4 & 5 and T6N, R6W, Section 30 of Natchitoches Parish.

**INCLUDED TIMBER:** The contract area consists of about 1760 acres of which an estimated 424 acres are designated for cutting. The sale contains 10 Payment Units, 6 of which are marked thinning units (PU 1, 3, 5, 8, 9 & 10), two of which are marked clearcuts (PU-2 & 4), and two of which are designation by spacing thinning (PU 6 & 7), which allows the purchaser to cut and remove smaller diameter trees and leave the larger trees on a specific spacing of approximately 18 x 18 feet. The trees designated for cutting are described as those meeting the Utilization Standards and the following criteria: 1) if the tree is within 13 feet of a live pine tree that has a larger stump diameter than it and the larger tree is not designated for cutting; and 2) all trees within skid corridors which are no more than 14' wide and no closer than 70' apart measured center to center. There are no RCW trees in this sale. The boundaries of the Payment Units are marked with orange paint.

**LENGTH OF CONTRACT:** The Contract termination date will be **December 31, 2017**.

**EROSION CONTROL:** The Purchaser will be responsible for seeding and fertilizing approximately 5.75 acres to Forest Service specifications. The Purchaser may elect to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Forest Service to have the Erosion Control work performed in exchange for a cooperative deposit in the amount of **\$2,483.29**.

#### **ROADS:**

**PREHAUL ROAD MAINTENANCE:** The Purchaser will be required to perform Pre-Haul Road Maintenance on 0.22 miles of Forest Service road K16F prior to hauling. The work includes placing 200 tons of Winn Rock and 25 tons of Rip Rap on the road. A cost allowance of **\$11,166.96** is estimated for this work and should be considered a logging cost for prospective bidders. See sample contract for specific information.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE:** The purchaser will be responsible for making a required deposit (16 U.S.C. 537) in the amount of **\$5.04** per CCF (approximately **\$26,023.00**) for using Forest Service roads to haul timber. Additionally, a cost allowance for Purchaser required road maintenance on secondary roads of approximately \$836.00 has been made in the appraised value of the timber.

**CONTRACTUAL SERVICE WORK:** GT.9 of this contract requires performance of stewardship conservation projects. The KT-GT.9 describes the stewardship work to be done, which includes 327 acres of RCW Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE), 45 acres of Prairie Vegetation Removal (PVR) and 1.8 miles of Fire Break Establishment (see attached description of work). Proposals must contain a

price and a technical proposal for the work (*see section "19 General" of the Prospectus for direction on submitting proposals*). Offerors must be prepared to do all the service work requested.

**AWARD:** In order to be awarded this contract, the successful offeror must be registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov). This registration will require the offeror to have a DUN and Bradstreet (DUNS) number, which may be acquired online. Offerors must submit a Technical Proposal (*see section "19 General" for direction on submitting a Technical Proposal and a Price Proposal (Bid Forms FS 2400-14BVU)*). The proposals will be evaluated by a Source Selection Team who will make a recommendation to the Contracting Officer. **The contract will be awarded based on BEST VALUE to the GOVERNMENT, not necessarily the BEST price.**

**STEWARDSHIPS CREDITS:** Contract clause ET.2.2 explains the acquisition and use of stewardship credits. Stewardship credits are earned and established when work described in KT-GT.9 has been performed and accepted. Earned stewardship credits may be used to pay for Included Timber value in excess of Base Rates and Required Deposits.

**SHOW-ME TRIP:** The District will conduct a show-me-trip for anyone interested in learning more about this contract and the specific requirements. Interested offerors should meet at the Caroline Dormon Trailhead, located at the intersection of the Longleaf Trail Scenic Byway (FH 59) and FS 329 at 9:00 a.m. on **July 17, 2014**.

All interested bidders should investigate the contract area and the sample contract prior to submission of offers, and become familiar with the provisions mentioned above and others which apply to this timber sale contract. Please contact Kelly Boles at the District Office at (318) 472-1840 if you have any questions about this contract.

## **KT-GT.9# - STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS**

### **Project Number 001: RCW Habitat Enhancement (RCWHE)**

In Payment Units 1, 5, 8 and 10 sever all hardwood stems below 10.0 inches DBH, all pine stems below 4.9 inches DBH, and all sweetgum trees that are located outside the streamside zones and special areas. In Payment Unit 9, the maximum diameter of hardwood stems shall be less than 6.0 inches DBH. Streamside zones and special areas are identified with a pink boundary line. All trees designated for felling will be completely severed from the stump. All severed trees that lean or lodge on nearby leave trees shall be removed and felled completely to the ground.

Trees that are felled will be cut as close to the ground as practical, but no higher than six inches from ground level on the uphill side of the tree.

Rubber-tired equipment must be used. The entire area shall be treated where equipment can safely maneuver. Payment Unit 1 contains rock outcroppings.

Equipment must meet OSHA standards.

Trees designated for felling treatment that occur adjacent to roads, firelines, streamside management zones, exclusion area, and trails will be felled away from those improvements. Slash that falls in ditches, roadways, or on any of the structures mentioned will be treated under KT-GT.7.

#### **Trees or Other Vegetation Not to be Treated –**

Residual trees not designated for removal.

All dogwoods (*Cornus florida*).

Trees located along property boundary marked with red paint, signs, tags, blazes or other survey information.

Boundary markers such as painted trees or flagging that mark unit boundaries, streamside zones, or exclusions and the trees contained within the exclusions.

### **Project Number 002: Prairie Vegetation Removal (PVR)**

In Payment Units 2 & 4, sever all remaining stems outside designated streamside zones after merchantable material has been removed, except for Post Oak trees (*Quercus stellata*) over 13" in diameter. Streamside zones are identified with a pink boundary line. All trees designated for felling will be completely severed from the stump. All severed trees that lean or lodge on nearby leave trees shall be removed and felled completely to the ground.

Trees that are felled will be cut as close to the ground as practical, but no higher than six inches from ground level on the uphill side of the tree.

Rubber-tired equipment must be used. The entire area within the orange painted boundary shall be treated.

Equipment must meet OSHA standards.

Trees designated for felling treatment that occur adjacent to roads, firelines, fences, streamside management zones, exclusion area, waterholes, and trails will be felled away from those improvements. Slash that falls in ditches, roadways, or on any of the structures mentioned will be treated under KT-GT.7.

#### **Trees or Other Vegetation Not to be Treated –**

Residual trees not designated for removal.

All Post Oaks (*Quercus stellata*) over 13" in diameter.

Boundary markers such as painted trees or flagging that mark unit boundaries, streamside zones, or exclusions and the trees contained within the exclusions.

**Project Number 003: Fire Break Establishment ( X – X – X )**

In Payment Units 2 and 4, construct a bladed fire break around prairie area just inside the orange 3-striped unit boundary line and the pink-banded trees along streamside zones.

The fire break shall be close to the natural ground level, 8 to 12 feet wide, constructed with a blade (no plow), and shall have at least 90% mineral soil exposed.

Standing trees, brush, logging slash, and other debris shall be removed from the fire break and deposited within the prairie area.

Waterbars will be constructed at a minimum every 10 feet of elevation change, shall be the width of the fire break, one to two feet in height, and shall be angled 30 to 45 degrees downgrade with the fire break center and shall provide an adequate drain outlet into undisturbed areas.

Waterbars on slopes, and a diversion berm 50 feet from the stream channel, are required on fire breaks.

Equipment must meet OSHA standards.